



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

City Council Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

**June 15, 2021
City Hall Auditorium**

This meeting was conducted under the 'Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, §20', signed on March 12, 2020.

Ordinance Committee Chair Mandeville called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Roll Call was taken and present were: Councilor Rinaldi, Councilor Mandeville, Attorney Raffa and Attorney Johnson

Absent were: Councilor Lennon

Minutes for approval: May 18, 2021

Councilor Rinaldi motioned to approve the May 18, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting minutes with corrections noted. Attorney Johnson seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

2021-043

- Councilor Mandeville said there is still a lot of work being done on this.

Attorney Raffa motioned to continue order 2021-043 until the regularly scheduled Ordinance Committee meeting on August 17, 2021. Councilor Rinaldi seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

2021-088

- Councilor Rinaldi stated he does not believe the Federal Government gives much room to alter anything.
- Attorney Raffa suggested it be looked at by KP Law for compliance standards.

Councilor Rinaldi motioned to send order 2021-088 back to City Council with a positive recommendation under the assumption KP Law will review it for compliance. Attorney Raffa seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

2021-091

- Councilor Gilday gave an overview of this order as well as the succeeding two orders.
 - Councilor Gilday said what these three bills are trying to do is lay the foundation down for the regulations.
 - She said orders 2021-091 and 2021-092 are laying down the very basics the state allows for regulations. She said the wording was practically lifted out of the MGL.
 - She said this idea started out as one bill but after legal advice from KP Law it turned into two separate bills.
- Councilor Mandeville inquired about different types of short term rental establishments are covered.
 - Councilor Gilday responded by saying there are guidelines provided by state law. She went on to say that 2021-091 and 2021-092 are bills to **accept** the option of a local community impact fee.
 - She went on to say order 2021-093 is a set up to begin the process of licensing, enforcements and regulations.
- Office of Community and Economic Development Director, Angela Cleveland, offered KP Law's opinion of adding a stipulation into the two orders, **2021-091** and **2021-092** that these two shall not go into effect until order **2021-093** is completed and has regulations in place.

Attorney Johnson motioned to send order 2021-091 back to City Council with a positive recommendation with the provision, should it be adopted, that it will not go into effect until such time as the process from order 2021-093 is complete and has regulations in place. Councilor Rinaldi seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

2021-092

- There was no discussion at this time.

Councilor Rinaldi motioned to send order 2021-091 back to City Council with a positive recommendation with the provision, should it be adopted, that it will not go into effect until such time as the process from order 2021-093 is complete and has regulations in place. Attorney Johnson seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

2021-093

- Angela Cleveland discussed the process behind the production of these bills.
 - She requested that the Ordinance Committee recommend as well as assist in the assembly of a subcommittee to develop zoning ordinances.
- Councilor Mandeville stated he believes there should be a lot of thought that goes into regulations for single family home room rentals. He believes these are a good option for people needing to supplement their income.

Councilor Rinaldi motioned to continue order 2021-093 until the next regularly scheduled Ordinance Committee pending the incorporation of KP Law's comments into the language and the formation of a subcommittee for the advancement of regulatory zoning ordinances. Attorney Johnson seconded this motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent (4).

Respectfully Submitted by, *Ellie Andersen*, July 14, 2021